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Women should learn English so they can understand the new world into which they have come to live. Even if there is a husband or a son to attend to their business with English-speaking people, a wise woman soon sees the advantage of being able to speak for herself. She has to go to the market, the shops, the post office; and she it is with whom the school teacher or the doctor confers about her children. She wants to secure for them the best of conditions, but this is difficult when she is cut away from the big world by her inability to speak English. The knowledge of English is also a protection from accidents to the woman who works in a factory or a shop. She can find out for herself about fire alarms, about dangerous machinery, and about things to avoid in the factory.

Woman's new position in the world

The war has brought about a change in woman's position all over the world, and here in America women are also expected to take part in public affairs by the side of the men. Every intelligent woman aspires in this new era to be a good citizen. If she does not know English, she cannot properly perform her civic duties. Women must do their part in making this a better world. No

matter what our position is, or whether we are young or old, it is never too late to take up the study of English. Opportunity to fill a better position comes to the woman who studies English, the language that will open the door in America to practical knowledge and good work.

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1. To be able to earn more in factories and to be able to take up more pleasant and better paid work.

2. To be able to read and understand all safety and fire-prevention regulations in factories and so protect themselves from accident.

3. To be able to shop wherever they will, to deposit their savings in reliable banks, and to be able to confer with teachers, doctors, nurses.

4. To understand how to send and how to use a postal money order, and how to apply for help at various American institutions.

5. To learn to know this country's customs and system of government.

6. To help their children, who attend American schools, to understand them better, and to be able to control them, thereby securing their respect.

7. To be able to travel without difficulty and without any unnecessary expense when visiting relatives and friends in distant parts of the country.

8. To be able to obtain citizenship papers, and to learn to know the laws, the rights, and the duties of an American citizen.

9. To be able to handle their own and their children's affairs, and to become acquainted with their American neighbors.

As an excuse for not learning English, people like to say they have no time for study. If we pause to think over our activities of a week, we find that two hours a week could be spared for attending evening English classes, and time could be found for preparing the lessons. Even if we have to sacrifice pleasure for a time in order to learn English, this sacrifice will soon be well rewarded. There is much to be gained and nothing to be lost by the woman who learns English.